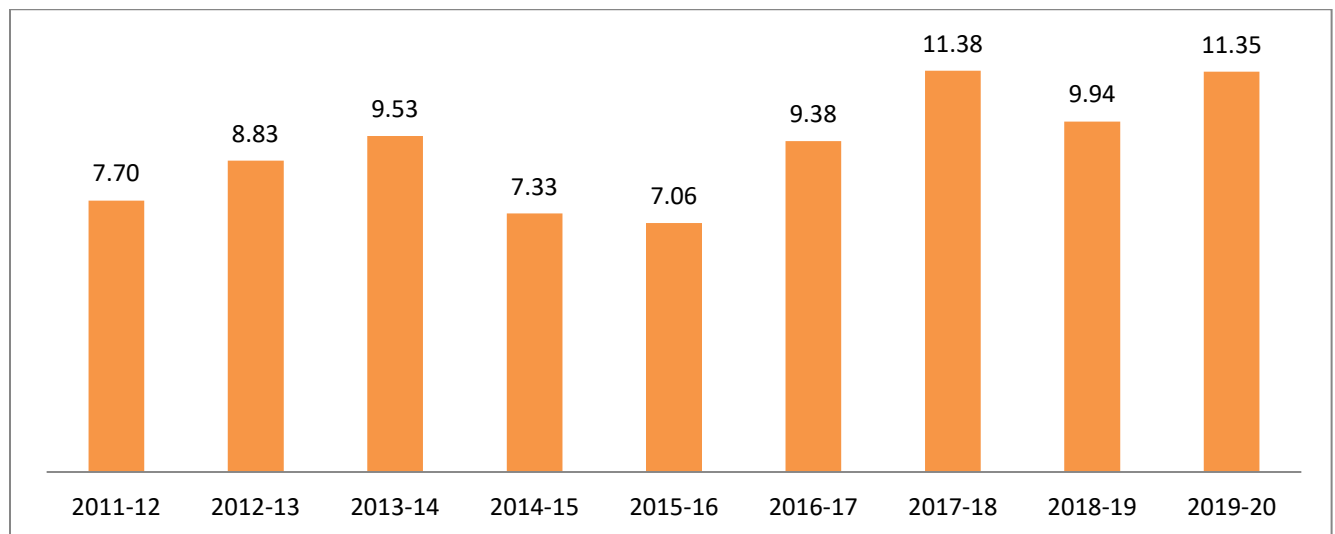


## Bengalgram Outlook – February 2021

India is the largest producer of bengalgram followed by Pakistan, Turkey and Iran. India produces around 10 to 11 million tonnes and contributes around 70 percent of the total world production. Bengalgram is the most largely produced pulse crop in India accounting for a share of 40% of the total pulse production. India imports around 8-9 lakh tonnes of bengalgram annually from Canada, Australia, Iran and Myanmar.

In India about 111.99 lakh ha (276.73 lakh acres) area coverage was reported under bengalgram during rabi 2020-21. The states of Madhya Pradesh 25.75 lakh ha (63.63 lakh acres), Maharashtra 24.52 lakh ha (60.59 lakh acres), Rajasthan 21.24 lakh ha (52.49 lakh acres), Karnataka 11.75 lakh ha (29.03 lakh acres), Uttar Pradesh 5.84 lakh ha (14.43 lakh acres) and Andhra Pradesh 4.12 lakh ha (10.18 lakh acres) are the major producers of bengalgram in India. According to Government 4<sup>th</sup> advance estimates, all India bengalgram production in 2019-20 is at 11.35 million tonnes. The central government has increased the minimum support price of bengalgram for the year 2020-21 by Rs.225 from Rs. 4875 to Rs. 5100 per quintal.



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES).

**Figure 1: Production of Bengalgram in India (in million tonnes)**

**Table 1: Bengalgram Domestic Supply & Demand (in lakh tonnes)**

	2019-20	2020-21*
Opening Stocks	16.8	37.55
Production	113.5	106.22
Imports	4.5	2.5
Total Supply	134.8	146.27
Exports	1.75	2
Consumption	95.5	99.5
Total Demand	97.25	101.5
Ending Stocks	37.55	44.77

Source: [www.agriwatch.com](http://www.agriwatch.com)

In Telangana state, area covered under bengalgram during rabi 2020-21 was about 1.20 lakh ha (2.96 lakh acres). The major districts producing this crop in Telangana are Kama Reddy 32,598 ha (80,552 acres), Adilabad 26,529 ha (65,555 acres), Nirmal 20,318 ha (50,207 acres), Nizamabad 7,967 ha (19,687 acres) and Gadwal 5,679 ha (14,032 acres). According to State Government 3<sup>rd</sup> advance estimates, bengalgram production in 2019-20 is at 2.05 lakh tonnes with a productivity of 1532 Kg/ha (620 Kg/acre).

**Table 2: State wise wholesale prices of Bengalgram during January, 2021**

State	Prices January, 2021	Prices December, 2020	Prices January, 2020	% Change (Over Previous Month)	% Change (Over Previous Year)
Andhra Pradesh	4350.64	4751.46	4029.69	-8.44	7.96
Chhattisgarh	4000.64	4168.47	4015.17	-4.03	-0.36
Gujarat	4268.45	4392.26	4172.87	-2.82	2.29
Karnataka	4601.93	4841.19	3890.41	-4.94	18.29
Kerala	6866.46	7114.45	6577.97	-3.49	4.39
Madhya Pradesh	4247.39	4401.84	3831.92	-3.51	10.84
Maharashtra	4588.42	4340.27	4282.84	5.72	7.13
NCT of Delhi			3801	---	---
Rajasthan	4021.15	4131.86	3760.27	-2.68	6.94
Telangana			3837.05	---	---
Tripura			7826.09	---	---
Uttar Pradesh	5336.68	5393.69	4958.73	-1.06	7.62
Average	4697.97	5026.45	4582		

Source: [www.agmarknet.gov.in](http://www.agmarknet.gov.in)

**Table 3: Prices and Arrivals of Bengalgram in Telangana during January 2021**

Market	Date	Arrivals (Quintals)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
Narayanpet	21	10.29	4,505	4,375	4,375
Tandur	27	4	4,400	4,400	4,400
	28	40	4,319	4,319	4,319
Vikarabad	25	11.5	4389	4325	3911
	28	12	4353	4252	3951

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in>

New crop of bengalgram is expected to hit market by mid February in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, followed by Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra in March. Crop condition is good so far. However, stock is decreasing fast in producing regions. As NAFED has decided to accept bids at or around Rs. 4875, some support might be seen. However, higher area coverage prospects may cap upward momentum to a certain extent. Even private traders too would prefer to release stock whenever market improves. Overall sentiment remains weak. Indian importers have imported around 3.25 lakh MT during April to Oct 2020. There is no import parity due to high duty (60%). However, import continues from LDC at zero duty.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that Bengalgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 4400 - 4500 per quintal in the month of February 2021.